

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, August 15, 2011, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips

Alderman Valerie Joh

Alderman Benjamin K. Mallicote

Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

Lisa Winkle, Comptroller/Deputy City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave a brief update on the progress of the Netherland Inn Roundabout and Bumpout projects. Mayor Phillips noted that landscaping should begin at the parking garage within the next couple of weeks.

NOTE: To accommodate representatives in the audience from the Kingsport City Schools, Items VI.B.2 and VI.D.7 were brought up for discussion, out of order, at this time.

4. **WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN.** City Manager Campbell stated a valuable asset in Kingsport is the water system, noting greater availability than many other cities, as well as good rates. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds explained the master plan looked at a 20 year window and introduced Mark Bishop, Russell Jones and Jeff Crookshank from Hazen and Sawyer Environmental Engineers and Scientists, who gave a presentation detailing the issues with the current water system (i.e. aging pipelines) and recommending steps to correct ongoing concerns and prevent future problems. Mayor Phillips commented that preventive maintenance is not always appreciated and asked if replacing the newest lines an absolute necessity. Mr. McReynolds explained the community cost is greater if the pipes fail, noting some are already at failure due to tuberculation.

Mayor Phillips also noted he had received complaints from citizens on Rock Springs Road regarding their yards being damaged, and although he commended City staff for their response thus far, he stated this needs to be made right.

5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 16, 2011 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

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VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Rescinding the Award of the Bid for the Purchase of Road Salt to Claiborne Hauling Contractors, LLC and Awarding the Bid to Cargill, Inc. for FY12 (AF: 198-2011). City Manager Campbell explained this had been a multi-city bid. Claiborne Hauling Contractors has since stated they would not be able to provide enough salt, therefore the bid award will be given to the 2nd lowest bidder (Cargill).

VI.D.8 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary for a Contract Amendment with James Madison University to Convert 10 Additional City Vehicles to Propane (AF: 219-2011). City Manager Campbell stated this is being paid for through a grant and will result in \$50 in savings per year per vehicle. There was a brief discussion on the safety of these converted vehicles. Fleet Manager Steve Hightower further stated that the five vehicles that have been converted so far are doing well, being both domestic and environmentally friendly.


VI.D.11 Consideration of a Resolution to Approve an Offer to Purchase and Authorize the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary for the Acquisition of Properties Located at 113 Devault Street (AF: 222-2011). Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt explained this resolution only authorizes the City to approach the property owner with an offer.

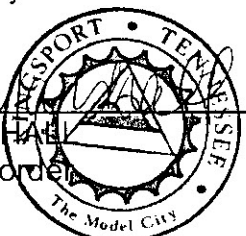
VI.D.13 Consideration of a Resolution Setting FY12 Fees and Charges Provided for in the City Code (AF: 179-2011). Assistant City Manager for Development Jeff Fleming discussed the fees for building plans and was asked to fix a discrepancy in the rate schedule. Mayor Phillips commented on the monthly charge for sprinklers, noting we should be encouraging people to get them rather than charging for water they're not using. Alderman Mallicote questioned the entrance fee to Bays Mountain, stating he thought it was going to be higher than \$4.00. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt explained the fee was raised only \$1.00 and would possibly raise another \$1.00 in the next few of years. Mayor Phillips suggested putting in the wording "up to \$5.00." Alderman McIntire asked why there were different charges (some \$40.00 and some \$50.00) for use of an LCD screen depending upon location. Mayor Phillips stated there should one charge of \$40.00 at any facility.

BOARD COMMENT. None.

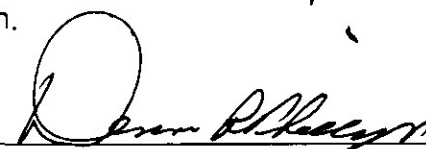
PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

8. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion, at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.


ANGELA MARS HALL
Deputy City Recorder



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DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor